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SUBJ: UNESCO 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: ARAB/MOSLEM
RESOLUTION RE JERUSALEM

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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL UN AFFAIRS, DR. M.A. BHATTY, CALLED ON DCM DECEMBER 13 AND REFERRING TO EARLIER DISCUSSIONS (REFTEL) WITH MISSION OFFICERS ON SUBJECT MATTER STATED HIS GOVERNMENT WAS VERY DISQUIETED ABOUT STRONG ADVERSE US PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO RESOLUTION AND EFFECT THIS MIGHT HAVE ON US PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO. BHATTY SAID UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW IS CALLING A MEETING OF UNESCO REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO DETER US FROM DISASSOCIATING ITSELF FROM UNESCO. US CONTRIBUTION, ALTHOUGH LARGE AND IMPORTANT TO UNESCO WORK, IS NOT CONSIDERED ITEM OF FIRST CONCERN; ARAB NATIONS ARE SAID TO BE PREPARED TO COVER THIS. MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THE US CONTINUE ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN UNESCO.

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2. BHATTY SAID HE HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY THE FOREIGN

SECRETARY TO CONVEY GOP SOLEMN HOPE THAT US NOT
DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM UNESCO IN ANY WAY.

3. DCM REPLIED US ADMINISTRATION HAS SAME CONCERNS AS
GOP BUT AS BHATTY HAD OBSERVED, US CONGRESS AND PUBLIC
QUITE INCENSED AND WORRIED ABOUT RECENT TRAIN OF EVENTS
IN UN. UN MEMBERSHIP MUST BECOME MORE UNDERSTANDING
OF US CONCERNS WHICH HAVE BEEN SO WELL STATED BY
AMBASSADOR SCALI. DCM SAID THAT SOME ARE OF MIND THAT
UNLESS US TAKES A FIRM STAND RELATIVE TO THE UNESCO
RESOLUTION ON JERUSALEM, THE NEXT THING WE MAY HAVE
TO DEAL WITH IS A THIRD WORLD EFFORT TO VOTE ISRAEL OUT
OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. BHATTY SAID
THIS IS AN UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERN AND THAT HE WOULD
CONVEY THIS TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. IN CLOSING, HE
REITERATED GREAT IMPORTANCE THE GOP ATTACHED TO US
PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO AND INDICATED PAK REPRESENTATIVES
AT UNESCO WOULD BE DIRECTED TO BE ALIVE
TO GOP'S CONCERN IN THIS RESPECT WHEN MEETING CALLED
BY M'BOW IS HELD.
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